GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1935
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2000 PULSE POLIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Disturbing rise in polio cases` appearing in the Times of India dated January 27, 2000:

(b) if so, whether the Government have undertaken any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the number of polio cases reported during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the shortcomings in the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An elaborate surveillance system for detecting and reporting cases of acute flaccid paralysis has been established throughout the country. Independent surveys through UNICEF are conducted to monitor the implementation of each of the pulse polio immunization rounds.

(c) A statement showing the number of cases of polio detected during the last 3 years is enclosed.

(d) For eradicating polio from the country, the Pulse Polio Immunization campaign was launched in 1995-96. In this campaign all children upto the age of 5 years are given polio drops on a single day. Upto 1998-99, two rounds of Pulse Polio campaign were conducted every year during December and January. Based on the surveillance data and expert advice, the efforts have now been intensified and during 1999-2000, four rounds of PPI are being held throughout the country followed by two additional rounds in eight high risk States of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. The intensive rounds are spread over 3-4 days. On the first day the children are immunised at the fixed polio booths and on 2nd day onwards teams of health workers go from house to house to immunise children who may be left over from the first day. States have been provided with funds to create awareness through information, education and education efforts and by involving the Panchayat members for reaching all children in the age group of 0-5 years. In addition, the Government is also taking steps to improve the routine immunization programme (including polio) all over the country.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 1935 TO BE ANSW ON 7.3.2000

POLIO CASES FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS

STATE/UNION TERRITORY-WISE

S.No	STATE/UT	POLIO		
		1997+	1998#	1999#
1	Andhra Pr	28	176	60
2	A&N Islands	0	0	0
3	ArunachalPr.	1	3	0
4	Assam	0	10	20
5	Bihar	102	412	346
6	Chandigarh	3	4	3
7	D&N Haveli	0	1	0
8	Daman &Diu	0	5	0
9	Delhi	35	94	117

10	Goa	0	7	1
11	Gujrat	207	273	74
12	Haryana	15	140	63
13	Himachal Pr	4	7	3
14	J&K	4	2	6
15	Karnataka	117	156	57
16	Kerala	1	17	12
17	Lakshadweep	nr	0	0
18	Madhya Pr.	130	237	123
19	Maharashtra	162	228	102
20	Manipur	1	0	1
21	Meghalaya	2	2	0
22	Mizoram	1	0	0
23	Nagaland	3	6	2
24	Orissa	15	114	25
25	Pondicherry	1	3	0
26	Punjab	13	28	27
27	Rajasthan	71	255	158
28	Sikkim	0	1	1
29	Tamilnadu	95	142	26
30	Tripura	5	2	2
31	U.P	1154	1901	1328
32	West Bengal	105	96	88
	Total	2275	4322	2645

+ Based on reported data from Central Bureau of Health Intelligence.
# Based on surveillance data from the National Polio Surveillance Unit.
nr Not reported